- 1 Q. Please state your name, business address and position with PacifiCorp dba Utah
- Power & Light Company (the Company).
- 3 A. My name is David L. Taylor. My business address is 825 N. E. Multnomah, Suite
- 4 800, Portland, Oregon, where I am employed as the Cost of Service Manager.

## Qualifications

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- 6 Q. Please briefly describe your education and business experience.
- 7 A. I received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Weber State College in 1979
- 8 and an MBA from Brigham Young University in 1986. I have been employed by
- 9 PacifiCorp since the merger with Utah Power in 1989. Prior to the merger I was
- employed by Utah Power, beginning in 1979. At the Company I have worked in the
- 11 Accounting, Budgeting, and Pricing and Regulatory areas. From 1987 to the present
- 12 I have held several supervision and management positions in Pricing and Regulation.
- 13 Q. Have you appeared as a witness in previous regulatory proceedings?
- 14 A. Yes. I have testified on numerous occasions in California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon,
- Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

## 16 **Purpose of Testimony**

- 17 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?
- 18 A. I will present PacifiCorp's year-end March 2001 functionalized Class Cost of Service
- 19 Study.
- 20 Q. Please identify Exhibit No. 14 and explain what it shows.
- 21 A. Exhibit No. 14 is the summary table from PacifiCorp's year-end March 2001 Class
- Cost of Service Study for the State of Idaho. It summarizes, both by customer group
- and by function, the results of the year-end March 2001 cost study. Columns A and

- 2 Column C lists the test period revenue for each customer class. Column D lists the
- a earned rate of return for each class and the Rate of Return Index, shown in column E,
- 4 is the ratio of each class's rate of return to the overall normalized jurisdictional rate of
- 5 return. Column F shows the total cost of service for each rate schedule or the
- 6 revenues necessary for each customer class to produce the jurisdictional normalized
- 7 rate of return. Columns G through K list the cost of service by function. Columns L
- 8 shows the revenue increase or decrease necessary to bring each class of service to full
- 9 cost of service and column M shows the associated percent change.
- 10 Q. Please identify Exhibit No. 15 and explain what it shows.
- 11 A. Exhibit No. 15 shows the cost of service results in more detail by class and by
- function. Table 1 summarizes the total cost of service summary by class and tables 2
- through 6 contain a summary by class for each major function.
- 14 Q. Please explain how the Cost of Service Study was developed.
- 15 A. The Class COS Study is based on PacifiCorp's year end March 2001 normalized
- results of operations for the State of Idaho. The study employs a three-step process
- generally referred to as functionalization, classification, and allocation. These three
- steps recognize the way a utility provides electrical service and assigns cost
- responsibility to the groups of customers for whom those costs were incurred.
- 20 Q. Please describe functionalization and how it is employed in the Cost of Service
- 21 Study.
- 22 A. Functionalization is the process of separating expenses and rate base items according
- 23 to utility function. The production function consists of the costs associated with

power generation, including coal mining, and wholesale purchases. The transmission
function includes the costs associated with the high voltage system utilized for the
bulk transmission of power from the generation source and interconnected utilities to
the load centers. The distribution function includes the costs associated with all the
facilities that are necessary to connect individual customers to the transmission
system. This includes distribution substations, poles and wires, line transformers,
service drops and meters. The retail services function includes the costs of meter
reading, billing, collections and customer service. The miscellaneous function
includes costs associated with Demand Side Management, franchise taxes, regulatory
expenses, and other miscellaneous expenses.

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- 11 Q. Describe classification and explain how PacifiCorp uses it in the cost of service 12 study.
- 13 A. Classification identifies the component of utility service being provided. The
  14 Company provides, and customers purchase, service that includes at least three
  15 different components; demand-related, energy-related, and customer-related.
- Demand-related costs are incurred by the Company to meet the maximum demand imposed on generating units, transmission lines, and distribution facilities. Energyrelated costs vary with the output of a kWh of electricity. Customer-related costs are driven by the number of customers served.
- 20 Q. How does PacifiCorp determine cost responsibility between customer groups?
- A. After the costs have been functionalized and classified, the next step is to allocate them among the customer classes. This is achieved by the use of allocation factors which specify each class' share of a particular cost driver such as system peak

1	demand, energy consumed, or number of customers. The appropriate allocation
2	factor is then applied to the respective cost element to determine each class' share of
3	cost. A detailed description of PacifiCorp's functionalization, classification and
4	allocation procedures and the supporting calculations for the allocation factors are
5	contained in my workpapers.

- 6 Q. How are generation and transmission costs apportioned among customer classes?
- A. Production and transmission plant and non-fuel related expenses are classified as

  75% demand related and 25% energy-related. The demand-related portion is

  allocated using 12 monthly peaks coincident with the PacifiCorp system firm peak.

  The energy portion is allocated using class MWhs adjusted for losses to generation level.
- 12 Q. Are distribution costs determined using the same methodology?

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- 13 No. Distribution costs are classified as either demand related or customer related. In Α. 14 this study only meters and services are considered as customer related with all other 15 costs considered demand related. Distribution substations and primary lines are 16 allocated using the weighted monthly coincident distribution peaks. Distribution line transformers and secondary lines are allocated using the weighted NCP method. 17 18 Services costs are allocated to secondary voltage delivery customers only. The 19 allocation factor is developed using the installed cost of new services for different 20 types of customers. Meter costs are allocated to all customers. The meter allocation 21 factor is developed using the installed costs of new metering equipment for different 22 types of customers.
  - Q. Please explain how customer accounting, customer service, and sales expenses are

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allocated

- A. Customer accounting expenses are allocated to classes using weighted customer factors. The weightings reflect the resources required to perform such activities as meter reading, billing, and collections for different types of customers. Customer service expenses are split between Demand Side Management (DSM) expenditures and other customer service expenses. The DSM expenditures are allocated on the number of customers in each class. Sales expenses are allocated to rate schedules according to revenue.
- Q. How are administrative & general expenses, general plant and intangible plant
   allocated by PacifiCorp?
- 11 A. Most General plant, intangible plant, and administrative and general expenses are
  12 functionalized and allocated to classes based on generation, transmission, and
  13 distribution plant. Employee Pensions and Benefits have been assigned to functions
  14 and classes on the basis of labor. Costs that have been identified as supporting
  15 customer systems are considered part of the retail services function and have been
  16 allocated using customer factors. Coal Mine plant is allocated on the energy factor.
- 17 Q. Are costs and revenues associated with wholesale contracts included in the cost of service study?
- 19 A. No costs are assigned to wholesale sales contracts. The revenues from these
  20 transactions are treated as revenue credits and are allocated to customer groups using
  21 appropriate allocation factors. Other electric revenues are also treated as revenue
  22 credits. Revenue credits reduce the revenue requirement that is to be collected from
  23 firm retail customers.

1	Q.	Are there	any	differences	in	this	study	from	those	filed	previously	with	the	Idaho
2		Commissio	on?											

- 3 Α. This class COS Study and the supporting jurisdictional results of operations were 4 prepared using the same general methodology as previously filed studies with a few 5 modifications. In previous studies, interruptible customers were removed from 6 jurisdictional results. No costs were assigned to these customers and their revenues 7 were treated as revenue credits which were allocated to all states. In the 8 interjurisdictional allocation supporting this cost study, all special contract customers 9 have been assigned to their home states as firm, situs customers.
- Q. What are the reasons for changing the status of interruptible and other large specialcontract customers from system allocation to state situs customers?

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There are several reasons that system-wide revenue requirement treatment is no longer appropriate. First, this approach has not proved acceptable to all states. Under the current approach, every state needs to become comfortable with the terms and prices of every contract in every state. In the last few rate cases there have been proposals from intervenors and regulators in the various states to either impute revenue for the existing contracts in other states or to shift to situs assignment of costs for those contracts. Second, market prices and the Company's avoided costs now make the contribution to fixed cost standard much harder to meet. In nearly every case prices under the contribution fixed cost standard would be higher than full embedded costs. Third, including a price discount for interruptibility in an electric service agreement assigns a fixed value to the interruptibility over the term of the agreement. However, the drastic changes in the wholesale market over the last

1		couple of years have shown us that interruptibility can have very different values at
2		different points in time. Recognition of those different values can best be dealt with
3		in separate, shorter-term interruptibility agreements. Also, under the Company's
4		Structural Realignment Proposal, there will be no interjurisdictional allocation of
5		costs to which system-wide revenue credits can be applied. Each state electric
6		company will have the obligation to serve all the retail load in its service territory. If
7		the current interruptible loads are removed from the apportionment of the existing
8		generation and transmission resources, the state electric company will be left without
9		the resources to meet that obligation.
10		Because of these reasons it is more appropriate to treat the sales of electricity from
11		PacifiCorp to large contract customers under one agreement and to treat any
12		interruptibility provisions a customer is able to provide under a separate agreement as
13		a power purchase by PacifiCorp from that customer. The Company intends that sales
14		of electricity to customers such as Monsanto will be full firm service at embedded
15		cost equivalent prices. The loads associated with firm service to these customers will
16		be included as part of the jurisdictional allocation and included in the revenue
17		requirement for the state where they are served. Any interruptible provisions will be
18		treated as a purchase by the Company's power supply organization and included as a
19		purchased power cost allocated among all states.
20	Q.	How are the Idaho special contract customers treated in the class cost of service
21		study?

Because the prices for the two non-tariff customers are being determined in separate

proceedings, they have been treated in this cost of service study as state specific

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1	revenue credits. The cost and revenues for these two customers have been included
2	in the Idaho results of operations, but no costs have been assigned to them in the class
3	cost of service study. The revenues from the two customers have been allocated to
4	each of the tariff classes of customers to offset its allocated share of revenue

6 Q. What revenue assumptions did you use for Monsanto and Nu-West?

requirement responsibility.

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- 7 A. The present revenues for these two customers have been estimated at the rate PacifiCorp has proposed for their contract renewals. These rates are based on the embedded cost of service for the two customers. (Monsanto, 31.4 mills; Nu-West, 34.82 mills)
- 11 Q. How have you treated the interruptibility provisions of the irrigation load control 12 program in your cost of service study?
- 13 The study is being used to determine the cost of firm service to irrigation customers Α. 14 and will be used to set the firm tariff price. As such, no adjustment to loads was 15 made. Similar to the treatment for contract customers, any interruptibility provisions 16 for irrigation customers will be treated as a power purchase by PacifiCorp under a 17 separate agreement. The Company is developing an optional load control credit for 18 irrigation customers that will replace the load control program. We have been 19 engaged in discussions with customers and Commission staff, and plan to file a 20 program later this year.
- 21 Q. Have you included your workpapers?
- 22 A. Yes. Work papers showing the complete functionalized results of operations and class 23 cost of service detail are included as Exhibit No. 16. Also included in the workpapers

- is a detailed narrative describing the Company's functionalization, classification and
- 2 allocation procedures.
- 3 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?
- 4 A. Yes it does.